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**From:** Montana Family Foundation <communications@montanafamily.org> on behalf of AnneMarie Walette <communications@montanafamily.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 6, 2016 12:34 PM  
**To:** Court, SCclerk  
**Subject:** Concerns of Rule 8.4(g)

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Honorable Ed Smith  
P.O. Box 203003  
Helena, MT 59620-3003

Dear Justices Honorable Smith,

I am writing today to express my opposition to the proposed rule change 8.4(g).

So swiftly has the wind of change blown on this issue of gender identity. In less than a decade, the vision of a man, woman and children as a family has been decimated by those championing that any combination of people can be a family. And what is more concerning to me is that this proposed rule will make it punishable for those people who believe differently. This rule will actually make it an offense for someone to say they believe marriage is between a man and woman.

Concerning to me as a person of faith, is the scope to which this rule could affect an attorney. If an attorney hold the belief that marriage is between a man and a woman, and in their private time volunteers for an event that coincides with that belief, they could be disbarred. It is incomprehensible to me that an attorney could lose their license over a belief system.

Our constitution protects the right to free speech and the right to exercise religion. This rule would render both of those rights void.

Sincerely,  
AnneMarie Walette  
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I hope you'll reject this rule change.

Sincerely,

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